

is hereby authorized to pay the same upon the order of the keeper of the public building. [*Ratified the 7th day of March, A. D., 1866.*]

RESOLUTION TOUCHING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, RATIFIED AT THIS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, KNOWN AS THE THIRTEENTH ARTICLE.

Adopts the  
amendment to  
constitution of  
U. S.

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina,* That the amendment to the constitution of the United States adopted and ratified by the General Assembly at its present session, in the following words, to wit:

SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime; whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. Has been adopted and ratified in the sense given to it by the Honorable William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United State, to wit: That it does not enlarge powers of Congress to legislate on the subject of freedmen within the States. [*Ratified the 18th day of December, A. D., 1866.*]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,

*March 20th, 1866.*

I, ROB'T. W. BEST, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the original Acts and Resolutions on file in this office. Given under my hand, this 20th day of March, 1866.

ROB'T. W. BEST,  
*Secretary of State.*